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## JANUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**WEST VIRGINIA—Commercial red meat production** during January 2004 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was 19 percent below December 2003 and 10 percent below January 2003 production. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 956,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent from January 2003. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight, at 934 pounds, was up 16 pounds from a year ago.

**Commercial calf slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 194,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight, at 257 pounds, was down 9 pounds from the previous year.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**UNITED STATES —Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in January, down 9 percent from the 4.07 billion pounds produced in January 2003.

**Beef production**, at 1.92 billion pounds, was 16 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 14 percent from January 2003. The average live weight was 1,249 pounds, down 19 pounds from January a year ago.

**Veal production** totaled 16.0 million pounds, 10 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,000 head, down 16 percent from January 2003. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 18 pounds from January a year ago.

**Pork production** totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, slightly above January 2003. The average live weight was 269 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.4 million pounds, was down 3 percent from January 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 219,200 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

**January 2003** contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**January 2004** contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.